

# SELKIRK REX

The Selkirk Rex is the result of a dominant, spontaneous mutation that caused each hair (guard, down and awn) to have a gentle wave or curl giving the coat a soft feel. Coat is curly from birth. Curl varies by gender and age. At about four months of age, many kittens lose their curls. The coat becomes curlier from 8 – 24 months. Full extent of curl will be developed by two years. Climate, as well as seasonal and hormonal changes can influence the coat's curliness. This is a medium to large cat with heavy boning that gives the cat surprising weight and an impression of power. The Selkirk Rex is an active cat with a sweet and enduring personality.

## I – BODY/CONFORMATION (25)

(10) BODY – Medium to large and well-balanced. Rectangular body. Substantial muscular torso. Straight back with slight rise to hindquarters. Shoulders and hips to have same width.

(5) LEGS – Medium to long. Substantial boning. In proportion, i.e. – overall impression is neither short nor cobby or long and rangy.

(5) PAWS – Large, round and firm.

(5) TAIL – Medium in length and in proportion to body. Heavy at base, tapering slightly to a rounded tip.

## II – HEAD TYPE (30)

(10) FULL FACE – Round, broad and full cheeked. Round underlying bone structure with no flat planes. Tip of chin lines up with the tip of nose and upper lip in same vertical plane. Muzzle medium width, rounded with well-padded whisker pads to give impression of squareness. Length of muzzle is equal to 1/2 the width.

(10) PROFILE – Nose has a downward slant with either a convex curve or a straight line, convex preferred. Well developed, firm chin. Muzzle short, clearly visible beyond curve of cheek.

(5) EARS – Medium in size, broad at base, set wide apart. Fits into rounded contour of head. Ear furnishings are curly. Ear tipping desirable.

(5) EYES – Large, rounded and set well apart. Eyes on same horizontal plane when seen from front.

## III – COAT TEXTURE/LENGTH (40)

### SHORTHAIR

(10) COAT – Hair no longer than 1". Neck ruff and tail fur are same length as coat. Coat feels thick and open wavy curls are not long enough to form ringlets. Whiskers are curly but brittle and often break off.

(10) TEXTURE – Soft, plushy, full and wavy/curly with a feel of soft lambs wool.

(10) DENSITY – Dense, full, open curls with no bald or thinly covered areas.

(10) CURL – Arranged in loose individual curls. Curls most evident on neck, tail and stomach.

### LONGHAIR

(10) COAT – Long and flowing, the ruff is full and tail fur is long. Whiskers are curly but brittle and often break off.

(10) TEXTURE – Soft, cottony, full and wavy/curly. Longest hair forming a rippling or ringlet effect.

(10) DENSITY – Dense, full curls with no bald or thinly covered areas.

(10) CURL – Loose individual wavy curls. Curliness, crimping or ringlets may be more evident around neck, tail and stomach.

## IV – COLOUR (5)

All coat colours and patterns are permitted. Eye colour ranges from copper to green. Blue for colourpoints. No relationship between eye colour and coat colour. Preference is given for depth, evenness and brilliance.

## V – CONDITION & BALANCE

**Muscular, hard and well proportioned. Heavy and alert.**

### OBJECTIONS

- \* Excessive cobbliness.
- \* Oriental appearance.
- \* No nose stop or break.
- \* Almond or oval eyes.

### DEDUCT

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### WITHHOLDS

- \* Extreme nose break.
- \* Lack of visible muzzle.
- \* All grounds for withholding awards as listed in the General Preface.

## RECOGNIZED COLOURS

All colours and patterns are allowed. Refer to Colours & Patterns appendix.

BREED ORIGIN:	Mutation
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:	F1 allowed
SHOWING REQUIREMENTS:	F1 allowed
ALLOWED ANCESTRY:	Selkirk Rex LH/SH, British Shorthair (until 2015), Exotic LH/SH (until 2015), Himalayan & Non-Pointed Himalayan (until 2015), Persian (until 2015), American SH (until 2000).
ALLOWED MATINGS:	Selkirk Rex LH/SH, British Shorthair (until 2015), Exotic LH/SH (until 2015), Himalayan & Non-Pointed Himalayan (until 2015), Persian (until 2015).